

MARVEL

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I AM GROOT™



A BODY AS STRONG AS A REDWOOD, LIMBS THAT EXTEND LIKE VINES, AND WITH THE ABILITY TO REGROW FROM A SPLINTER . . . GROOT WAS THE BIGGEST AND STRONGEST MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY. BUT NOW, HE'S STUCK AT THE SIZE OF A SAPLING. THE GALAXY CAN BE A DANGEROUS PLACE FOR A LITTLE TREE WHO DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT . . .



I AM GROOT

in
"THE FORGOTTEN DOOR"
part 2

GROOT'S ENJOYING A SECOND CHILDHOOD, BUT THE GUARDIANS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO KEEP HIM IN LINE. WHILE THEY WERE DISTRACTED PILOTING OUT OF A TIME-SPACE WARP, GROOT ACCIDENTALLY LAUNCHED OUT OF THE SHIP! AS HE DRAFTED DOWN TO A PLANET, A HEADLESS HOLOGRAM ASKED VISITORS TO "BEWARE" AND "AWAKEN THE TERMINAL EYE." PRETTY CREEPY . . . BUT THINGS GOT WORSE! ONCE GROOT LANDED, ROBOTS TRANSFORMED TO LOOK LIKE THE GUARDIANS TRIED TO DETRAIN HIM! HE WAS JUST BARELY RESCUED BY A PUG-HEADED ROBOT NAMED BUDDY . . .

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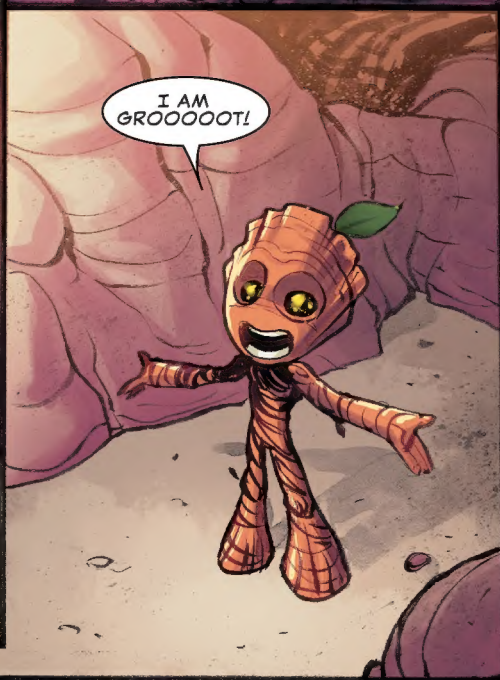
**TERMINAL.
A WHOLE OTHER
DIMENSION AWAY
FROM HOME...**

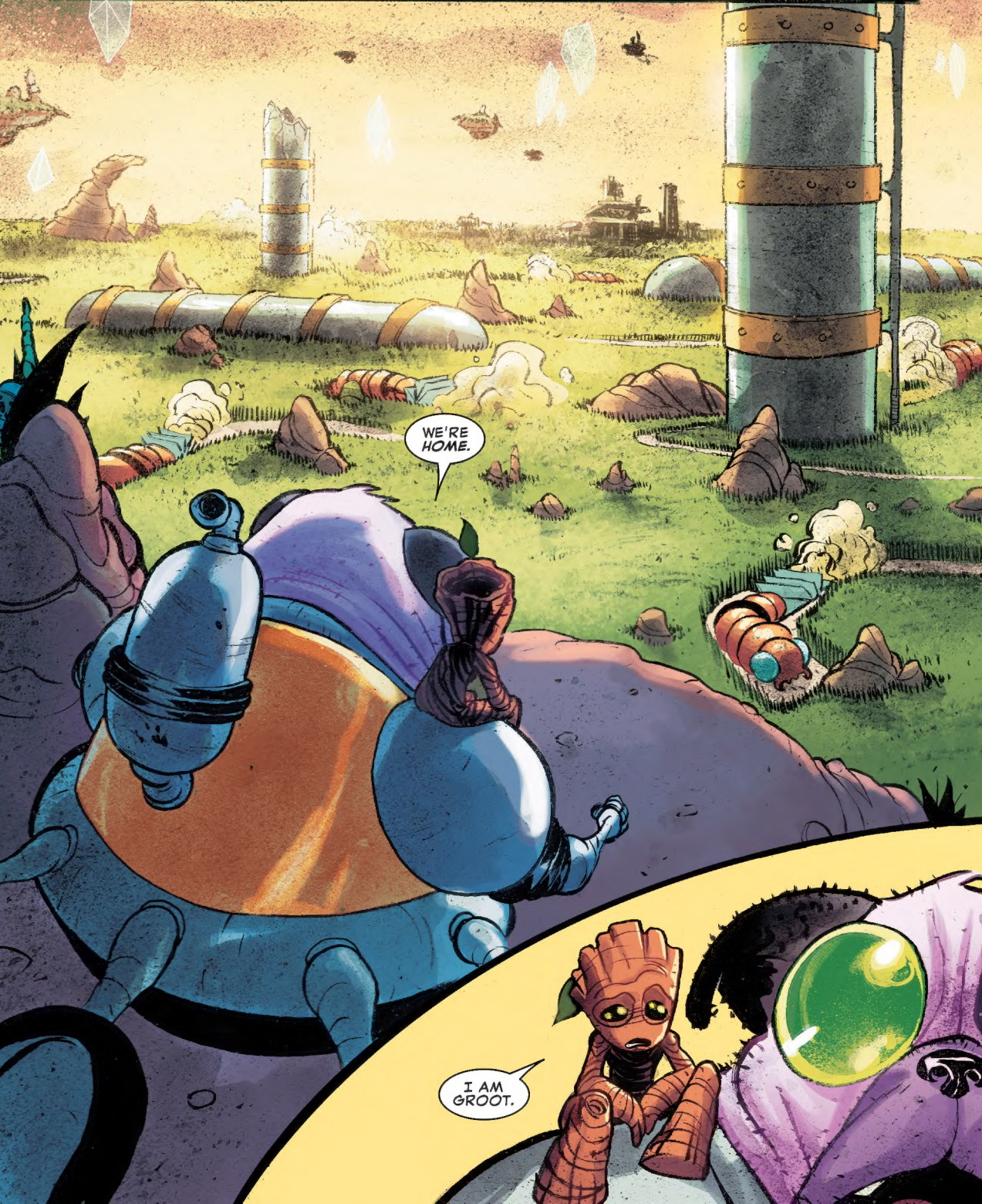
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GROOT. I AM
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I AM.

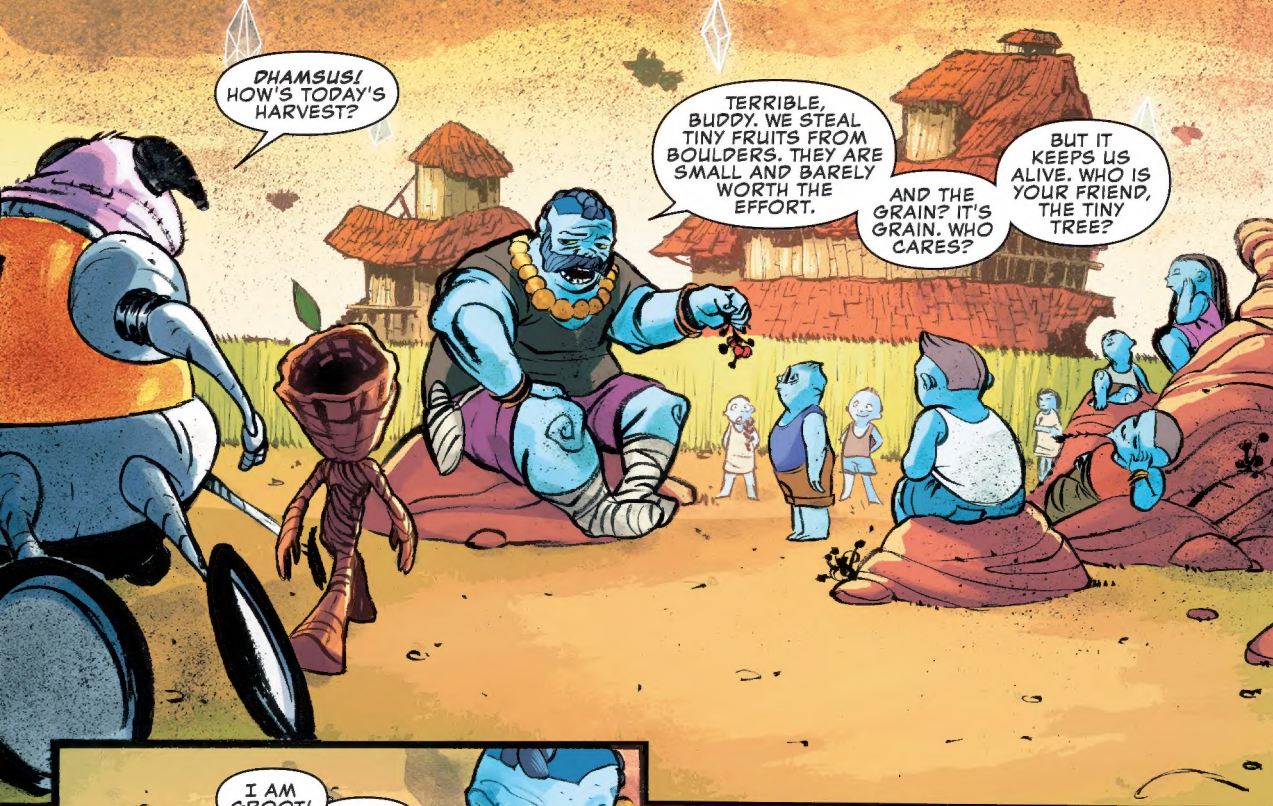
GROOT.

I AM
GROOT. I
AM GROOT!
I AM GROOT!
I AM
GROOT!

I AM
GROOT.







PHAMSUS!
HOW'S TODAY'S
HARVEST?

TERRIBLE,
BUDDY. WE STEAL
TINY FRUITS FROM
BOULDERS. THEY ARE
SMALL AND BARELY
WORTH THE
EFFORT.

AND THE
GRAIN? IT'S
GRAIN. WHO
CARES?

BUT IT
KEEPS US
ALIVE. WHO IS
YOUR FRIEND,
THE TINY
TREE?



I AM
GROOT!

HELLO
GROOT.

THAT'S
ALL HE SAYS.
COULD I BORROW
THE VILLAGE BOOK?
I WANT TO SEE
IF HE CAN LEARN
ANY OTHER
WORDS.

I AM
GROOT!
I AM
GROOT.



HE'S
ACTUALLY
SAYING QUITE
A BIT MORE
THAN THAT.

I AM
GROOT!

WHAT?

YES. THERE
IS A RICH DEPTH
OF TONALITY TO THIS
SAPLING'S VOCALIZATION.
VIBRATIONAL SHIFTS.
IT'S SUBTLE.



NO DAMN
IDEA WHAT IT
ALL MEANS,
THOUGH.

I AM
GROOOOOOOT...

THERE'S A
TRANSLATOR
MACHINE IN
THE TEMPLE! IT
PROBABLY
KNOWS TREE!



I AM
GROOT?

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT'S IN THE
TEMPLE?

I WENT
IN IT.

I AM
GROOT!
I AM
GROOT!

YOU
SHOULDN'T
G--EXCUSE
ME.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
GO IN THE
TEMPLE--

I AM
GROOT!

TINY TREE.
YOU HAVE MADE
IT CLEAR YOU
WISH TO FIND
THIS DEVICE.

BUT YOU
MUST NOT
GO IN THE
TEMPLE.

"I SAY IT IS A
TEMPLE. BUT WE DO
NOT WORSHIP INSIDE.

"WE MERELY APPEASE THE
FORGOTTEN GODS THAT
CREEP OUT TO MAKE
DEMANDS AT NIGHT.

"THEIR VOICES ARE
AWFUL AND CLEAR...
BUT THANKFULLY
ALL THEY ASK FOR
ARE COINS.

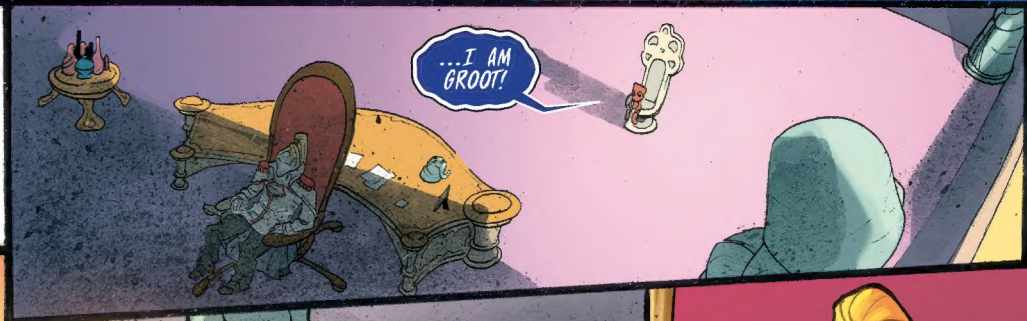
"AND IT'S NOT LIKE
WE NEED ANY OF
THAT OUT HERE...

"...THIS ISN'T
THE CITY."

ADMINISTRATOR...



...I AM
GROOT!



OH! THAT
THING THAT
DROPPED FROM
OUR LAST STORM
IS A FLORA
COLOSSUS.

LITTLE ONE,
THOUGH.

I AM
GROOT.

OKAY,
AUTO-CONCIERGE,
THAT'S ENOUGH.
RETURN TO
DEFAULT
INTERFACE.

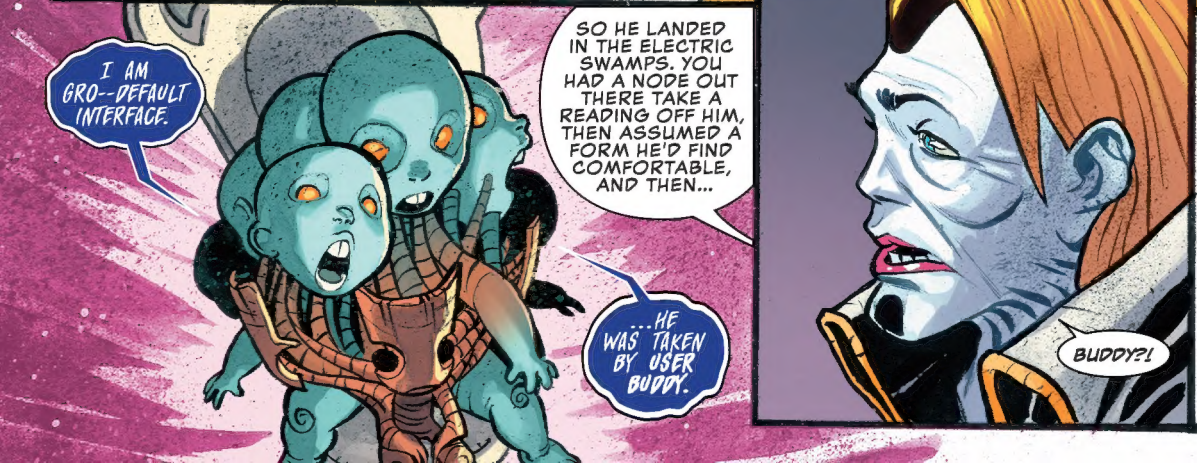


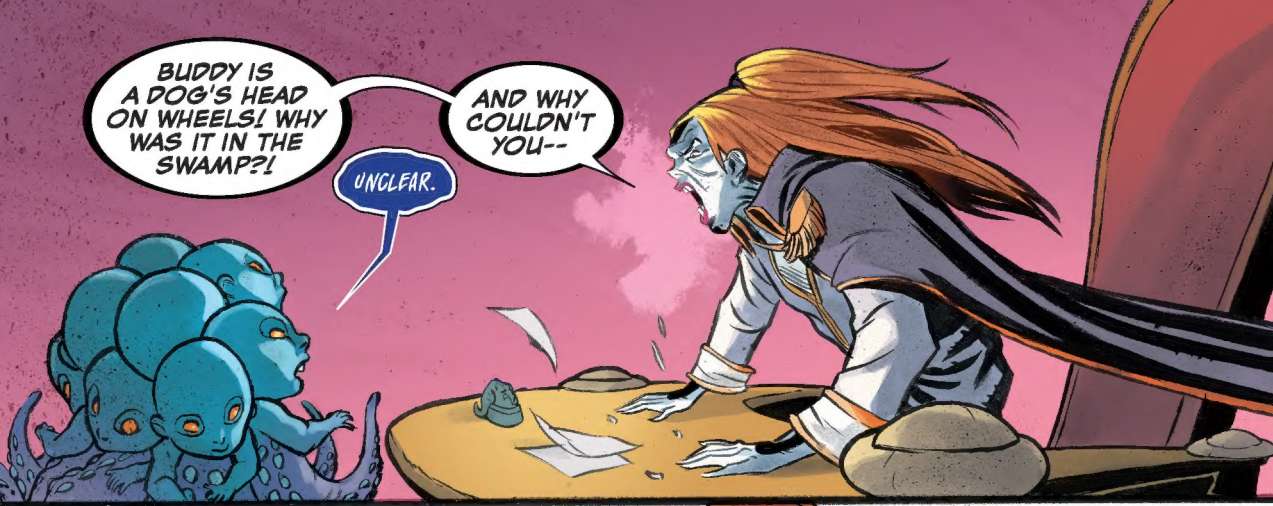
I AM
GRO--DEFAULT
INTERFACE.

SO HE LANDED
IN THE ELECTRIC
SWAMPS. YOU
HAD A NODE OUT
THERE TAKE A
READING OFF HIM,
THEN ASSUMED A
FORM HE'D FIND
COMFORTABLE,
AND THEN...

...HE
WAS TAKEN
BY USER
BUDDY.

BUDDY?!





BUDDY IS
A DOG'S HEAD
ON WHEELS! WHY
WAS IT IN THE
SWAMP?!

AND WHY
COULDN'T
YOU--

UNCLEAR.



MPHMPMP
HIMRB
OH,
HELUH.

CLACKT-
SPHHHH



INQUIRY
UNRECOGNIZED.
YOU WILL BE HELD
FOR LANGUAGE
ASSISTANCE.

ACTHK,
HRM.



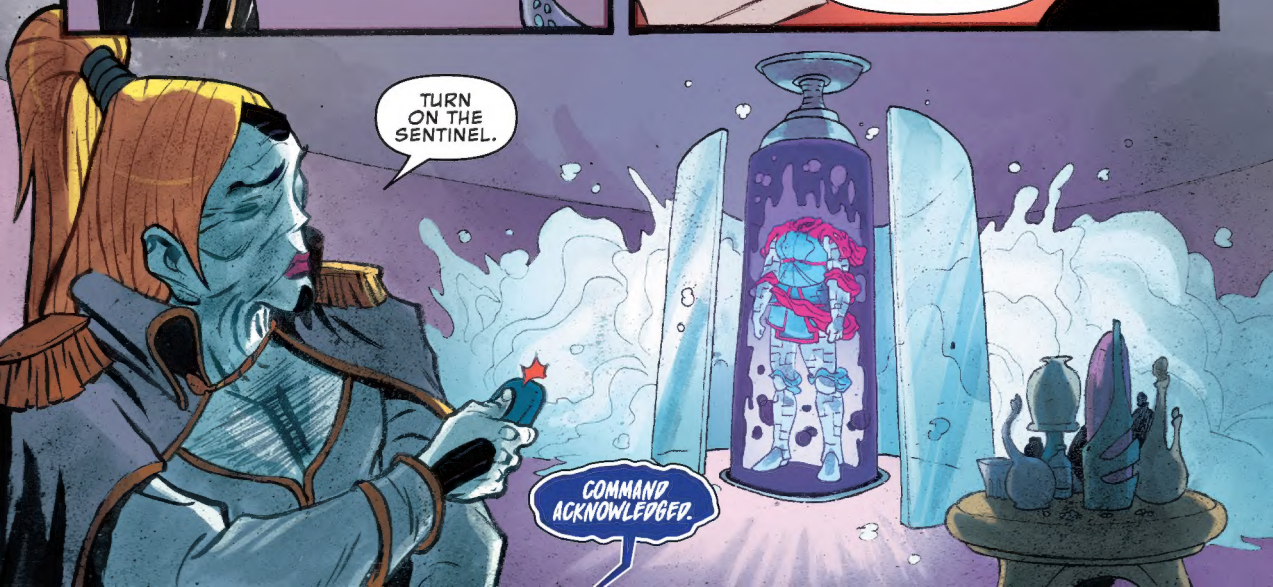
ADMIN
OVERRIDE.

OVERRIDE
ACKNOWLEDGED!
WE ARE CONTENT TO
NEVER KNOW WHAT "AND
WHY COULDN'T YOU
MPHMPMP HIMRB"
MEANS.



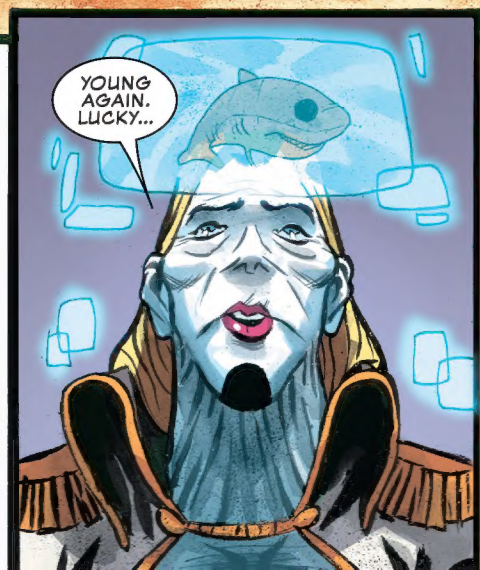
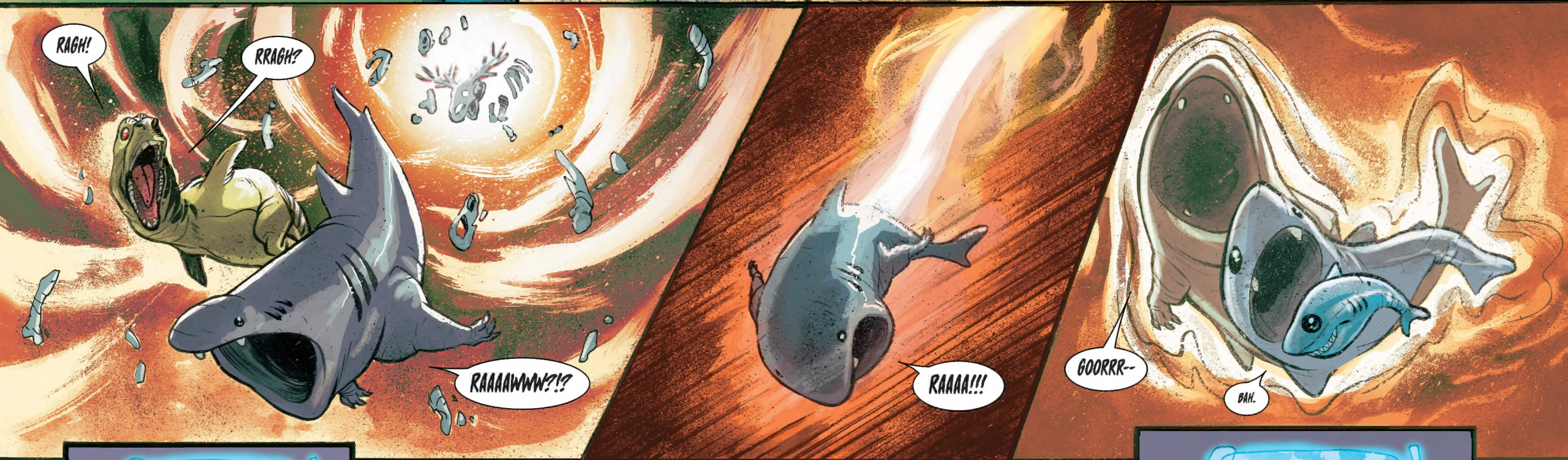
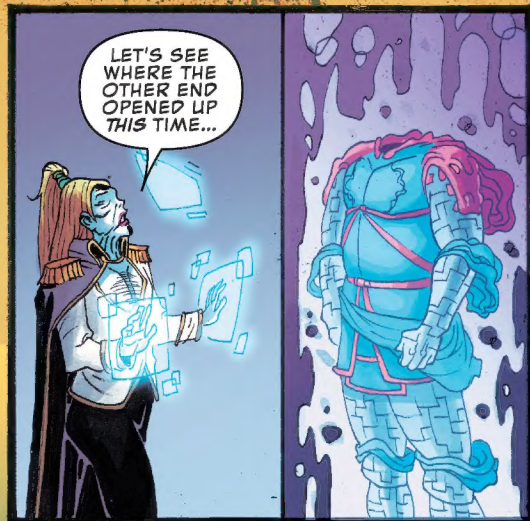
WEEE-
OOOOO

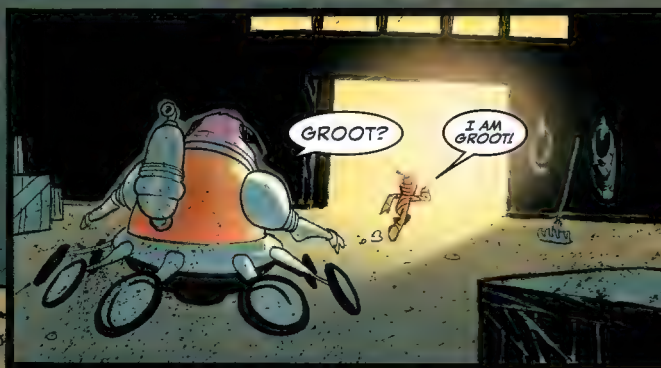
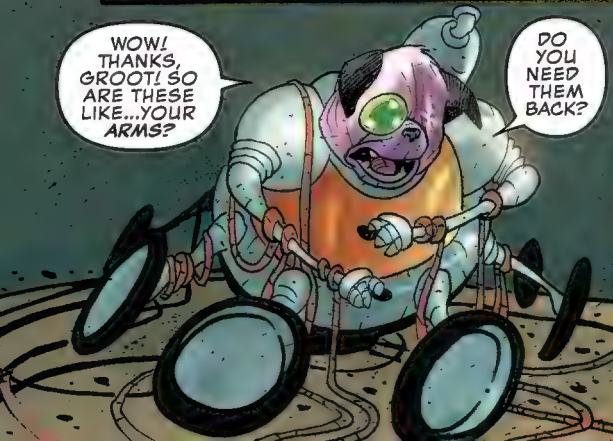
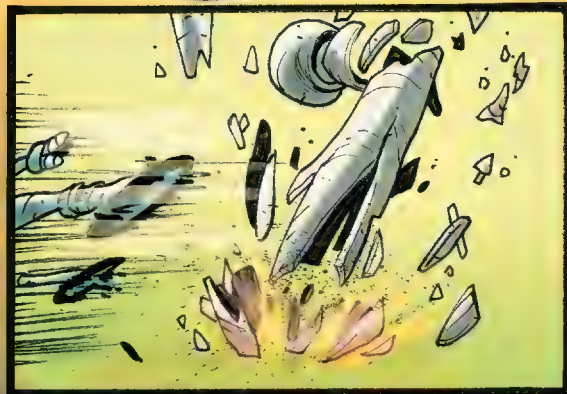
ANOTHER
PORTAL STORM! BUT
WE JUST HAD ONE
YESTERDAY!

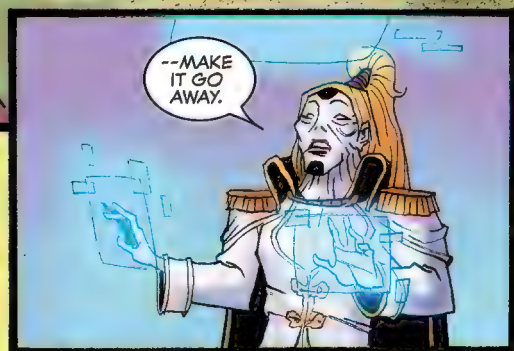
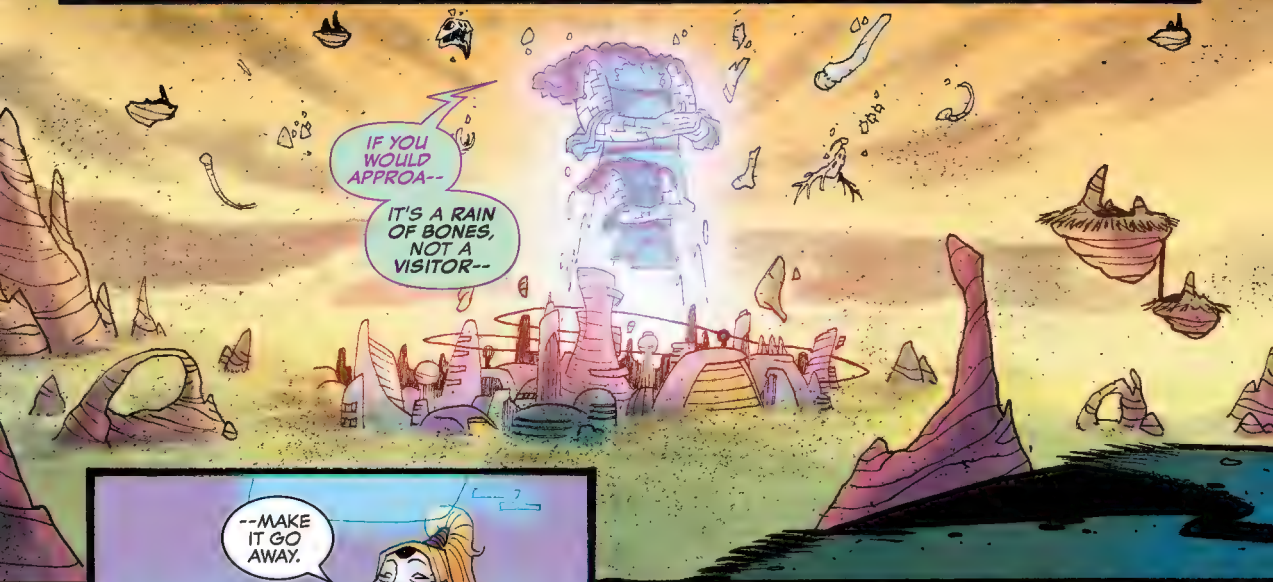
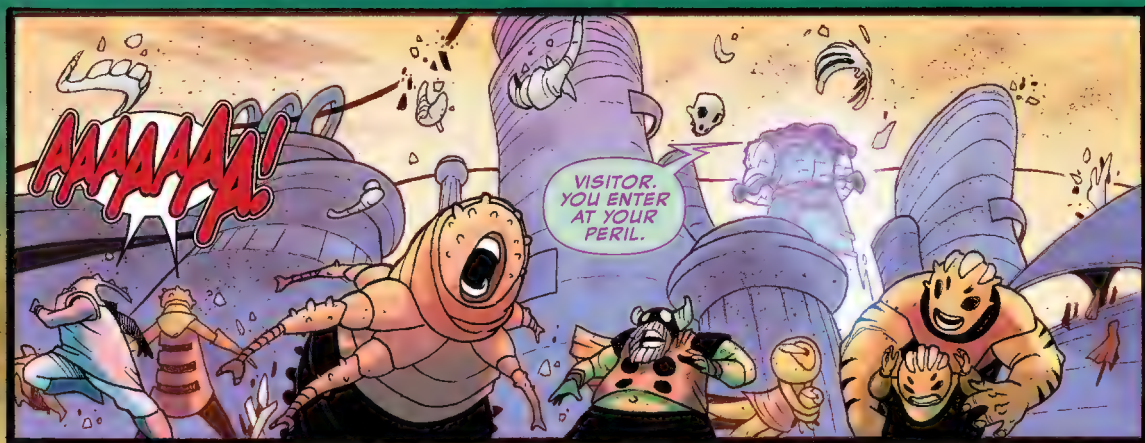


TURN
ON THE
SENTINEL.

COMMAND
ACKNOWLEDGED.







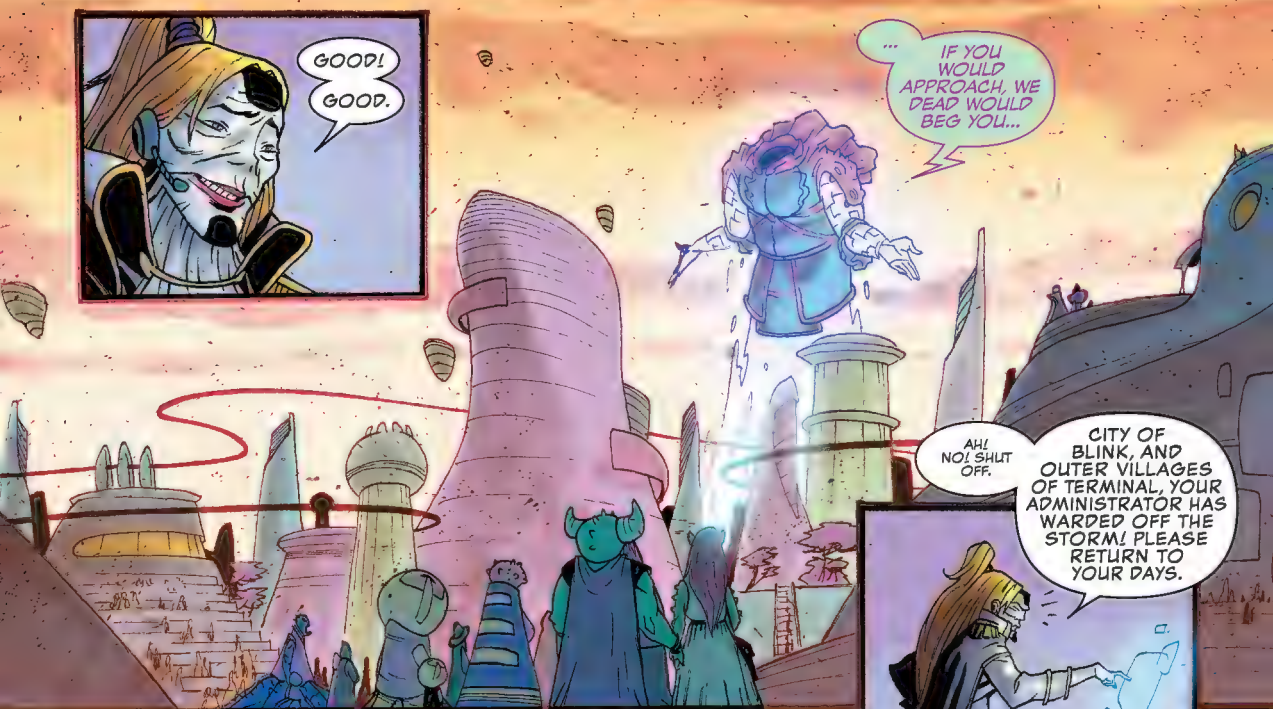




GOOD!
GOOD.

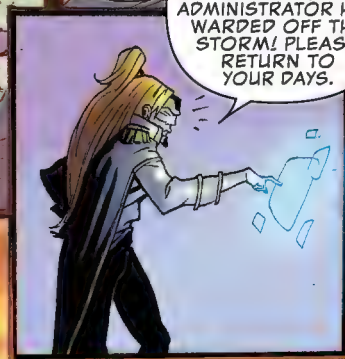


...
IF YOU
WOULD
APPROACH, WE
DEAD WOULD
BEG YOU...



...
AH!
NO! SHUT
OFF.

CITY OF
BLINK, AND
OUTER VILLAGES
OF TERMINAL, YOUR
ADMINISTRATOR HAS
WARDED OFF THE
STORM! PLEASE
RETURN TO
YOUR DAYS.



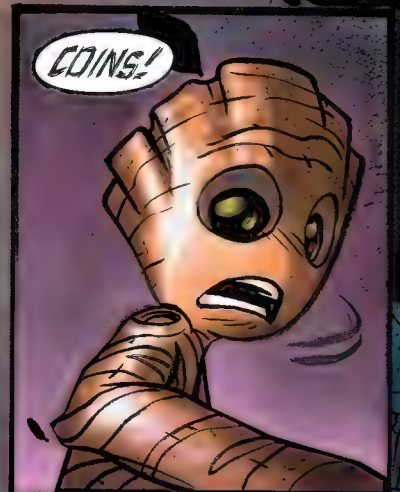
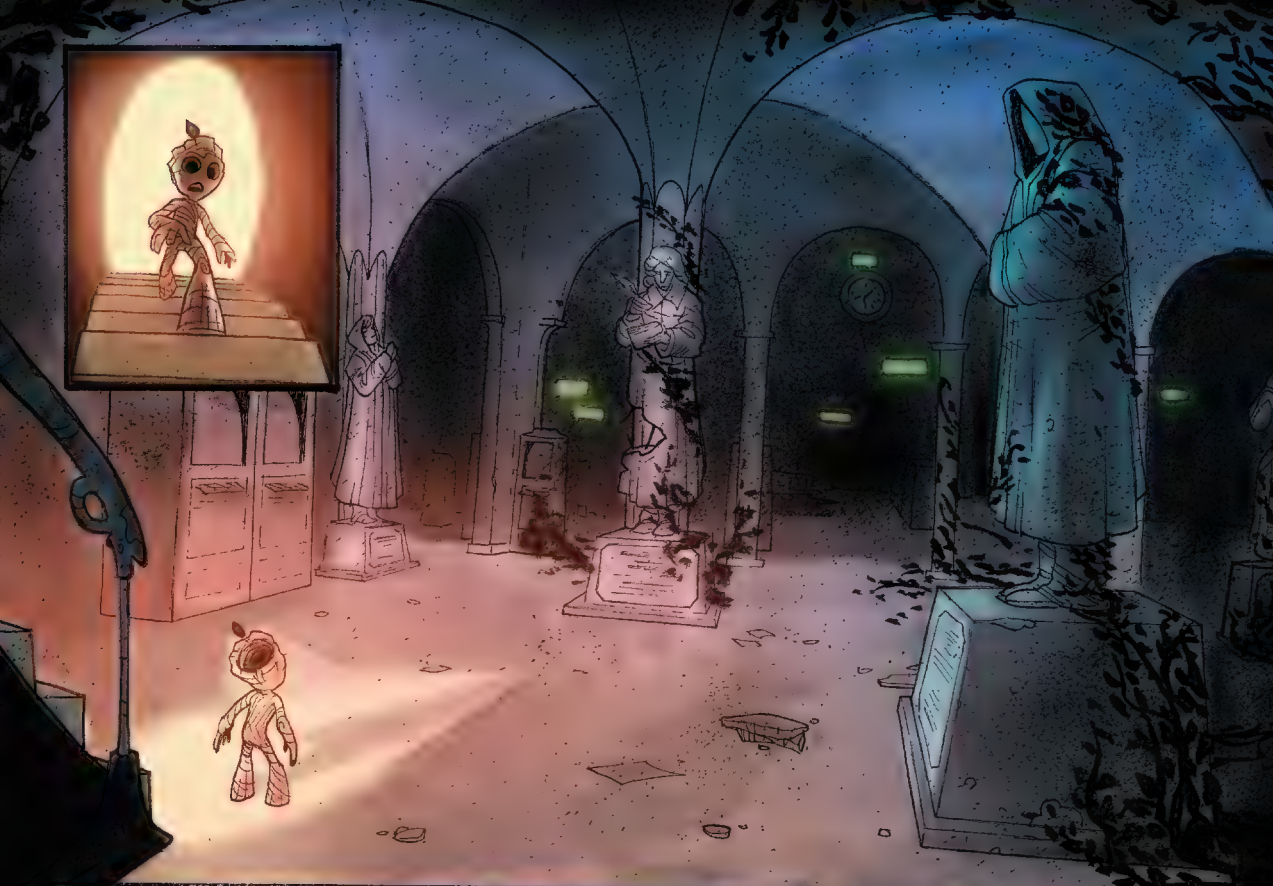
NEED TO
FIGURE OUT HOW TO
CHANGE A ROTTEN
DEAD MAN'S VOICE
MESSAGE--

OH HELL,
THE MIC IS
STILL ON.

AHERM.
GOODBYE!
I LOVE
YOU!

GROOT?!
WHERE'D
YOU GO?

RAN OFF
DURING THE
STORM? I CAN
GUESS...





HI, THERE!
PLEASE MAKE
YOUR PAYMENT,
AND I'D BE HAPPY
TO HELP YOU
MAKE A
SELECTION!

COINS!

SNACKS!

COINS!

THANK YOU!
WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE
TODAY?

SNACKS!

DEALER'S
CHOICE, EH?
HA HA! I LIKE YOUR
STYLE! COMING
RIGHT UP!

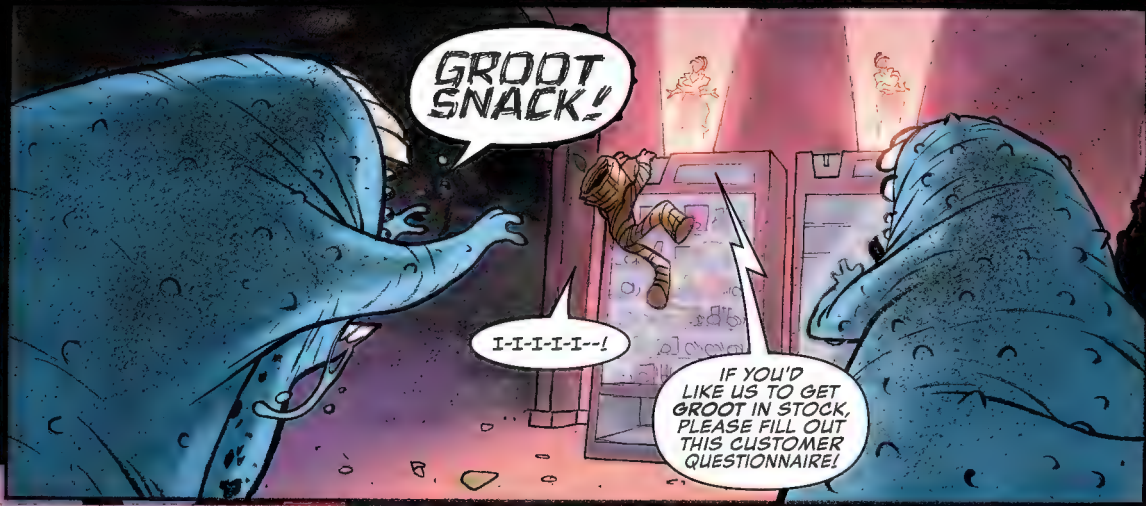
T-CHUNKT

I AM...
GROOT.



SNACK?
GROOT
SNACK?

AH,
SORRY, PAL.
WE DON'T
OFFER
GROOT.



GROOT SNACK!

I-I-I-I-I--!

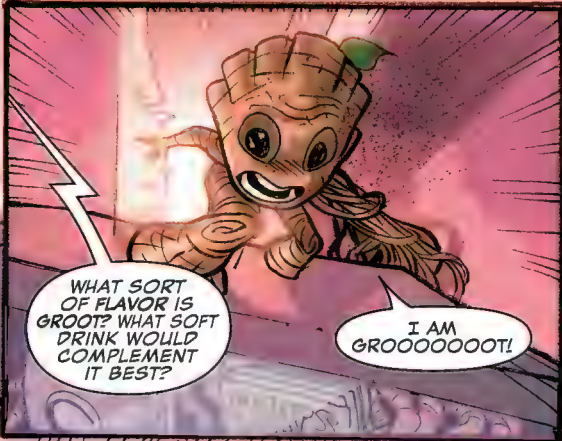
IF YOU'D LIKE US TO GET GROOT IN STOCK, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS CUSTOMER QUESTIONNAIRE!



I AM GROOT!

GROOT!

ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, HOW MUCH WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE GROOT STOCKED AT THIS LOCATION?



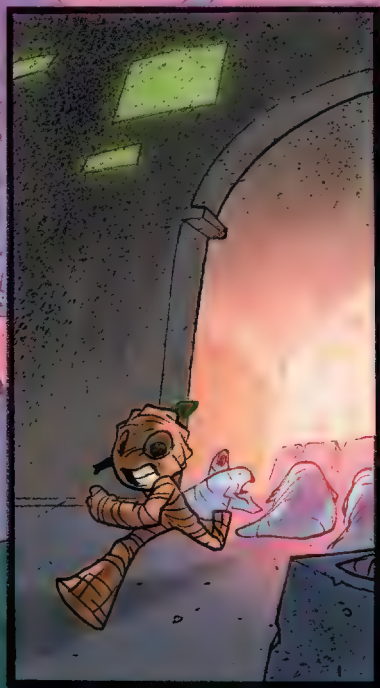
WHAT SORT OF FLAVOR IS GROOT? WHAT SOFT DRINK WOULD COMPLEMENT IT BEST?

I AM GROOOOOOOT!



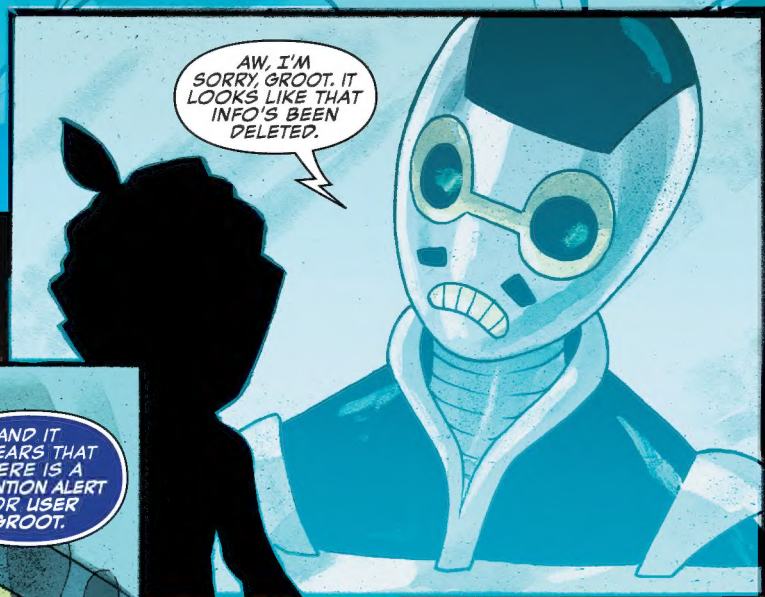
DO YOU LIKE GROOT MORE THAN, EQUAL TO, OR LESS THAN CURRENT--

ERROR. SECURITY. ERROR.





I AM GROOT.



AW, I'M SORRY, GROOT. IT LOOKS LIKE THAT INFO'S BEEN DELETED.



AND IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A DETENTION ALERT FOR USER GROOT.

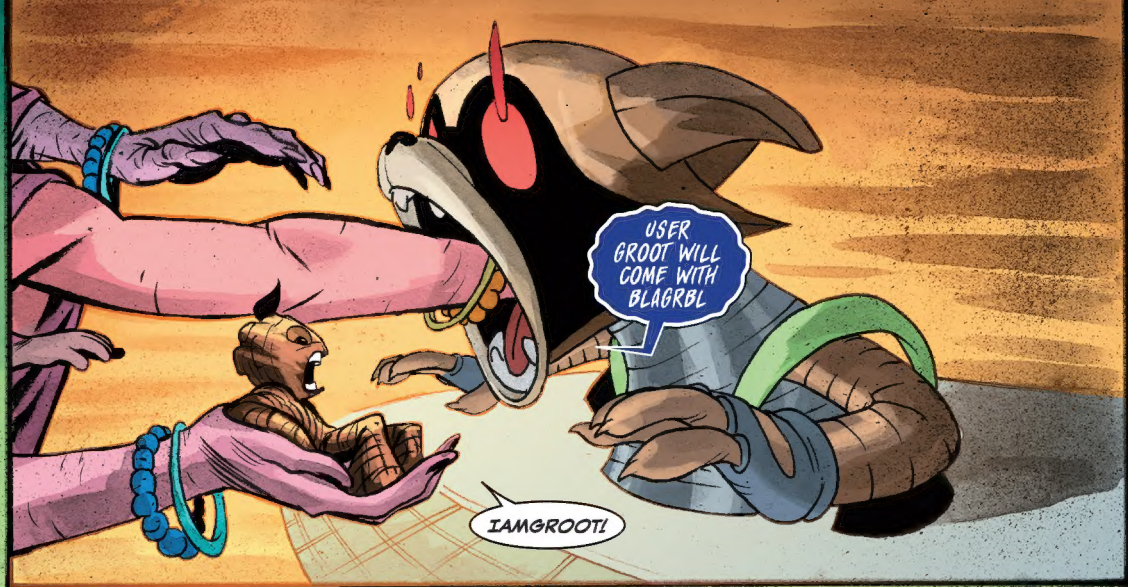
I AM GROOT?



PLEASE REMAIN IN PLACE, USER GROOT.

YOU WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.

ALLOW THIS TERMINAL TO ASSUME A COMFORTABLE FORM TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS MATTER.



USER
GROOT WILL
COME WITH
BLAGRBL

I AM GROOT!

I THINK
THAT'S MORE
THAN ENOUGH
OF THE OLD STATE
BUSINESS OUT
HERE IN THE
BOONIES.



USER...
UNKNOWN DOES NOT
HAVE SHUTDOWN
AUTHORIZATION.

ALMOST HAVE
IT...THEY STICK THEIR
OFF SWITCHES THE LAST
PLACE YOU'D WANT
TO TOUCH THEM.

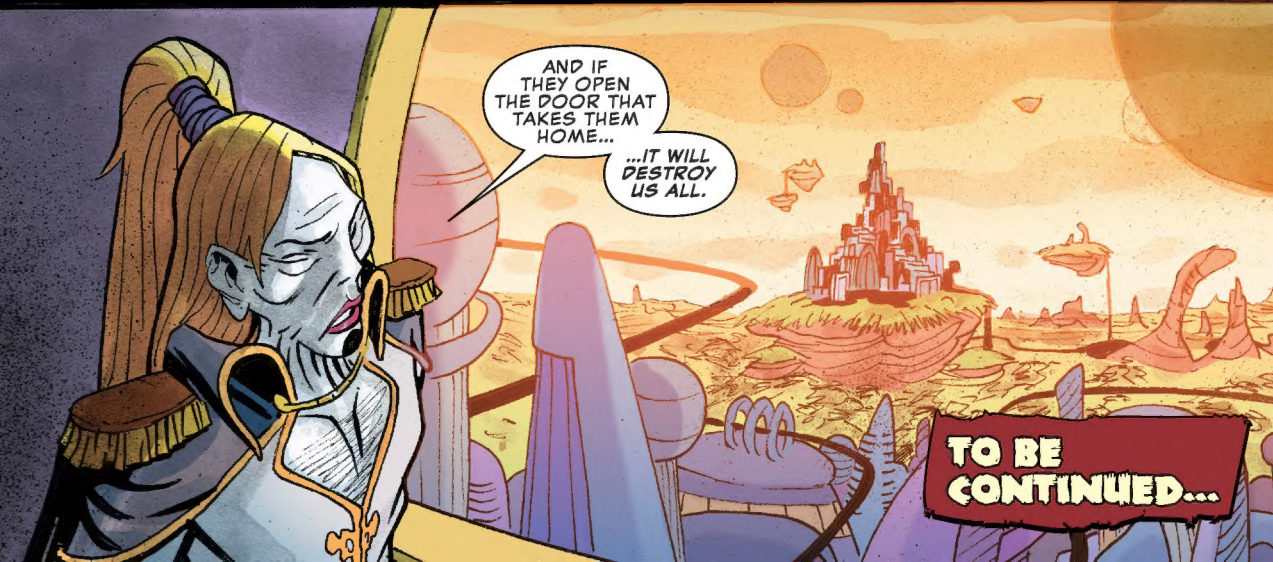
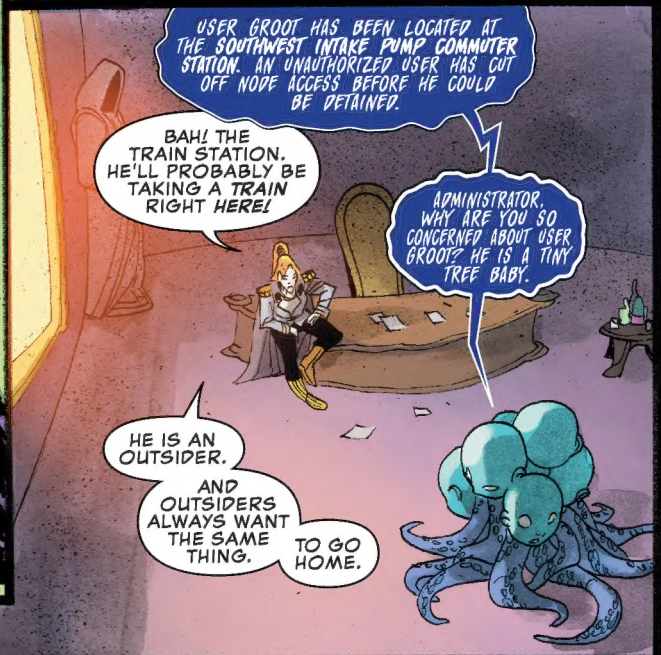
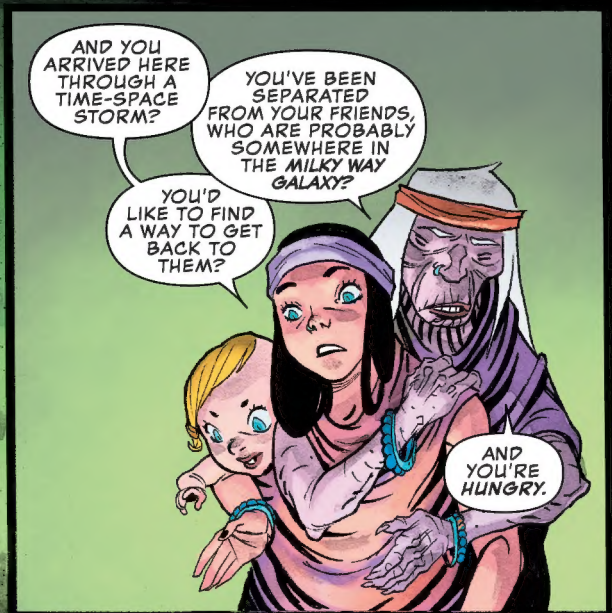
GUB!

I AM
GROOT.

MUCH
BETTER.

TELLING
ON YOU--
OOO...





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I AM GROOT #3



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